



DESIGNATION APPLICATION



By completing this application, you will help the West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOT) determine whether the nominated byway/backway will qualify under the West Virginia Byways and Backways Program. If the route does not qualify, WVDOT will explain the reason(s), and give the sponsor an opportunity to resubmit the application. Once WVDOT determines that the route is eligible for designation, it will be given provisional approval making it eligible for funding consideration under the National Scenic Byways Program. At this point, the sponsor must complete a Corridor Management Plan (CMP) for the byway/backway, including information on how communities intend to develop and protect it. Once the CMP is approved, the byway/backway will officially be added to the state byway/backway system and logo signs will be erected along the route.

When completed, please forward two copies of the application to:

WV Byways & Backways Program
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Building 5, Room A-863
Charleston, WV 25305

For information/clarification, please contact the Planning and Research Division's Intermodal and Special Projects Section by telephone at (304) 558-3165, or by fax at (304) 558-3783.

WEST VIRGINIA BYWAYS & BACKWAYS PROGRAM

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Sponsoring Agency, Organization or Group:

Contact Person:

Address:

City/State:

Zip:

Telephone:

Fax:

E-Mail Address:

PROPOSED BYWAY/BACKWAY INFORMATION

Name of Proposed:

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BYWAY

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BACKWAY

Route Section(s):

*Example: Section 1: US 522 Rock Gap to Ridge
Section 2: Morgan Co. Rt. 38/10 to Morgan Co. Rt. 28/2*

Approximate length (in miles) of the entire proposed byway/
backway:

- Please attach two copies of a map(s) indicating the route of the proposed byway/backway. (Note: For copies of individual General Highway Maps, please contact the Planning and Research Division's Mapping & Graphics Section at (304) 558-2868.)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A byway/backway may be designated under one or more of the six "intrinsic qualities" defined by the Federal Highway Administration: Scenic, Historic, Cultural, Natural, Archaeological and/or Recreational. Using these intrinsic qualities, please explain how the proposed byway is significant; provide a comprehensive list describing in detail the intrinsic qualities along the route; and depict all listed intrinsic qualities on General Highway Maps with the byway routing as required on Page 1. Additional pages may be attached.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION / DEMONSTRATION OF LOCAL SUPPORT

1. Please indicate all community organizations that have been contacted about the proposed byway/backway designation application. Indicate how they have been informed about the effort.

Community or Organization	How Informed	Contact Name and Telephone Number

2. Please list all local, State and/or Federal governmental agencies with jurisdiction along the proposed byway/backway route with whom you had contact. Describe how these agencies have been informed about your efforts to designate a byway/backway in their jurisdiction.

Governmental Entity	How Informed	Contact Name and Telephone Number

PLANNING PROCESS NARRATIVE / ISSUES

Once a road has received PROVISIONAL APPROVAL as a West Virginia Byway/Backway, the nominating group has up to two years to submit an acceptable Corridor Management Plan (CMP). In the space below, please describe how the byway/backway will be enhanced and protected; address a planning process outline for developing a CMP; and describe the corridor management issues that may be addressed for the route. Issues may be as diverse as economic effects on the community from increased tourism, impact on infrastructure (roads, parks, public restrooms, etc.) and the preservation of community culture/history in the face of new development. *Additional pages may be attached.*

OUTDOOR ADVERTISING

The West Virginia Byways and Backways Program prohibits the erection of new billboards along designated routes, as per Commissioner of Highways Order dated November 20, 1998, EXCEPT FOR those areas that are primarily industrial or commercial (with little or none of the intrinsic qualities for which the route was designated).

Applicant acknowledges that designation of the route as a byway/backway will subject that route to the above stated Outdoor Advertising restriction. Applicants should be prepared to identify any segments proposed to be excluded and establish a reasonable basis for the exclusion when preparing the CMP. The CMP should reflect consideration of outdoor advertising issues and plans for managing outdoor advertising, if applicable.

Attach letters of support from all County Commissions that are affected by the potential byway designation with a statement conveying their understanding of the restriction placed on additional outdoor advertising.

CURRENT RESOURCE INVENTORY

1. Please complete and attach both research material and maps that locate and describe traveller services and user facilities along the route, i.e., motels, hotels, restaurants, public restrooms, gasoline stations, hospitals, roadside parks/rest areas, etc.
2. General Land Use Patterns—Please include map(s) that indicate general land use patterns, i.e., residential, commercial, recreational or agricultural. (This information may be illustrated on the General Highway Maps with the routing.)
3. Attach any supporting information (photographs, slides and/or video), as well as the descriptive material to assist the application's review. (*Note: Optional*)
4. Attach a list of names/addresses of nominating group's members.

SIGNATURE(S) OF SPONSOR(S)

SIGNATURE:

DATE:
